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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claim 1, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A PET bottle having a shrink label enclosed thereto, the shrink label comprising a heat-shrinkable film and an adhesive coating film layer of a coating agent (A), wherein the heat-shrinkable film has a thickness of 10 to 100 μ m and a shrinkage stress of at least 2.0 N/cm in the main shrinkage direction; and

the adhesive coating film layer lies between the heat-shrinkable film and the PET bottle in such a manner that the adhesive coating film layer is in contact with the PET bottle, and

the adhesive coating film layer having has a dry film thickness of 0.1 to 10 μ m; and an adhesion such that the peel strength as measured after keeping the coating film surface of the shrink label and a PET film in pressure contact with each other at a pressure of 8.5 MPa in a 40°C atmosphere for 24 hours is within the range of 5 mN/50 mm to 17 N/50 mm.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The PET bottle according to claim 1, wherein the shrink label is for a PET bottle having a plurality of alternately projecting and sunken portions in the circumferential direction; and the shrink label having the adhesive coating film layer of the coating

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agent (A) on the side contacting the PET bottle, the adhesive coating film layer being provided on at least the portions contacting the projecting portions of the PET bottle.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The PET bottle according to claim 1, wherein the heat-shrinkable film comprises a polyester resin, polystyrene resin, polyolefin resin, or polyvinyl chloride resin.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The PET bottle according to claim 1, wherein the coating agent (A) comprises an organic resin (a) having a number average molecular weight of 500 to 100,000 and a softening point of 30°C to 150°C.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): The PET bottle according to claim 3, wherein the organic resin (a) is at least one resin selected from the group consisting of epoxy resins, acrylic resins, ethylene vinyl acetate resins, polyester resins, urethane resins, and terpene resins.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): The PET bottle according to claim 5, wherein the coating agent (A) further comprises a pigment (b).

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Claim 8 (Previously presented): The PET bottle according to claim 7, wherein the pigment (b) is titanium oxide and/or aluminum powder.

Claim 9 (Previously presented): The PET bottle according to claim 1, wherein the coating film of the coating agent (A) is formed by gravure coating.

Claim 10 (Previously presented): The PET bottle according to claim 9, wherein, at the time of gravure coating, the coating agent (A) has a solids content of 20% to 80% by weight and a viscosity of 5 to 60 seconds/Zahn cup #3.

Claim 11 (Previously presented): The PET bottle according to claim 1, wherein the peel strength after keeping the coating film surface of the coating agent (A) and the PET film in pressure contact with each other at a pressure of 8.5 MPa in a 40°C atmosphere for 24 hours is within the range of 10 mN/50 mm to 4 N/50 mm.

Claim 12 (Previously presented): The PET bottle according to claim 11, wherein the peel strength after keeping the coating film surface of the coating agent (A) and the PET film in pressure contact with each other at a pressure of 8.5 MPa in a 40°C atmosphere for 24 hours is within the range of 50 mN/50 mm to 1 N/50 mm.